



# RiverOaks

Baptist Church

Easter Sunday

*He Is Risen!*

April 4, 2021

## Invitation to Worship

Christian Johns, Youth Minister

## Preparation for Worship

Kathleen Wilkins, Organist

## The First Easter Morning

*from Matthew 28*

Jenny Oates, Reader

*After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week,  
Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb...*

## Hymn No. 194

### *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Earth and heaven join to say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ hath opened Paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

## Responsive Reading

We gather in the name of the risen Lord.

*Christ is risen! Alleluia!*

We gather as sisters and brothers of the resurrected one.

*Christ is risen! Alleluia!*

We gather to share our faith and to worship God.

*Christ is risen! Alleluia!*

We gather to proclaim the good news of Easter!

*Christ is risen! Alleluia!*

## Morning Prayer

Dr. Brian Brewer, Interim Pastor

## Words of Welcome

Greg Stahl, Assoc Pastor for Worship & Music

## Choral Worship

### ROBC Sanctuary Choir

*Thine Be the Glory*

*arr. by J. Marty Cope*

*Music by G. F. Handel from JUDAS MACCABEUS*

## Hymn No. 620

God sent his Son, they called Him Jesus;  
He came to love, heal, and forgive;  
He lived and died to buy my pardon;  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

### **CHORUS:**

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;  
Because He lives, all fear is gone;  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And live is worth the living just because He lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
And feel the pride and joy he gives;  
But greater still the calm assurance,  
This child can face uncertain days because He lives.

### **CHORUS**

And then one day I'll cross the river;  
I'll fight life's final war with pain;  
And then as death gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.

### **CHORUS**

## Pastoral Prayer

Dr. Brewer

## The Lord's Prayer

### Congregation

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us .....from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.  
Amen

**Hymn No. 415**

***Lift High the Cross***

*festival hymn arrangement by Sterling Proctor*

**Joseph Fuller, Piano**

***CHORUS:***

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,  
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

***CHORUS***

O Lord, once lifted on this glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw the world to Thee.

***CHORUS***

For Thy blest cross which doth for all atone,  
Creation's praises raise before Thy throne.

***CHORUS***

So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory!

***CHORUS***

**Sermon**

**Dr. Brewer**

***The Mystery of the Tomb***

**John 20:1-9**

**Song of Easter**

***Crown Him with Many Crowns***

DIADEMATA

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own:  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,  
and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,  
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save;  
His glories now we sing who died, and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of love! Behold His hands and side,  
Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou has died for me!  
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

## **Responsive Reading**

Remember the Good News that we have received and proclaimed this day—  
the Good News in which we stand and through which we are being saved.

***We will remember and hold tightly to the truth we proclaim with joy!***

Christ died for our sins, just as the scriptures said that he would.

***But the story does not end in earth.***

***Christ was raised on the third day, just as it was promised!***

We are witnesses to this Good News, and God commands that we do not  
keep this news to ourselves!

***We will testify to all that Christ is Lord!***

***Christ is risen!***

***Christ is risen, indeed!***

***Alleluia! Amen!***

## **Benediction**

**Dr. Brewer**

## **Postlude**

**Kathleen Wilkins**

Robby Yarber      Brian Fincher

Trumpet              Trumpet

David Womack      Carl Muller

Trombone            Bass Trombone

Dr. Daniel W. Shipman

Instrumental Contractor